

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## SPEAKER.

JOHN HUGHES COCHRAN, of Dallas. Dallas county, was born in Murray county, Tennessee, June 28. 1838, and emigrated with his father to Dallas county, Texas, February, 1843; he was educated at McKenzie College, Red River county, Texas, graduating in 1859; had the degree of A. M., conferred by the South Western University at Georgetown, Texas, of which University, he is one of the alumni; commanded a company of State troops under Governor Sam Houston in 1860; was a private of the Sixth Texas Cavalry, Confederate States army for one year, and was discharged on account of sickness; in 1862, was elected assessor and collector of Dallas county, which office he held until 1866, when he declined a re-election; was elected as the Democratic nominee, in 1873, a Representative in the Fourteenth Legislature, re-elected to the Fifteenth, and again, for the "third term" was elected at the late election, together with Colonel John W. Daniel, as a Democrat, over Major John Henry Brown, Democrat, and Geo. W. Givens, and A. S. Clark, Greenback nominees, by a majority of 1849 votes over the first, and of 1361 and 1365 votes over the latter respectively. At the organization of the House of Representatives, January 14, 1879, was elected Speaker.